

# Rama Cay Creole

**Rama Cay Creole** is a Creole language spoken by some 800 to 900 people on the island of Rama Cay in eastern Nicaragua. It is based on Miskito Coast Creole with additional elements of the Chibchan language Rama and purportedly some elements of English spoken with a German accent. The creolization of the language is supposed to have happened when Moravian missionaries who were native Germans but preached in English encouraged the Rama-speaking population of the island to shift to English.

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Rama Cay Creole	
<b>Native to</b>	Nicaragua
<b>Region</b>	Rama Cay
<b>Native speakers</b>	(630 cited 1989) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	English Creole <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Atlantic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Western<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Miskito Coast Creole<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Rama Cay Creole</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	—
<b>Linguist List</b>	bzk-ram ( <a href="http://multitree.org/codes/bzk-ram">http://multitree.org/codes/bzk-ram</a> )
<b>Glottolog</b>	<i>None</i>

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